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My Lords and Gentlemen,

Have lately told you how ſenſible I am of your Kindneſs, and how much I value the Confidence you have repoſed in Me.

And I am come hither to Aſſure you, That I ſhall never do any thing that may juſtly leſſen your Good Opinion of Me.

I think it neceſſary to acquaint you, That the Condition of Our Allies Abroad, and particularly that of *Holland*, is ſuch, that unleſs ſome ſpeedy Care be taken of

them, they will run a greater Hazard than you would have them Expoſed to.

You your ſelves muſt be ſenſible, That the Poſture of Affairs Here require your ſerious Conſideration; and that a Good Settlement at Home is neceſſary, not only for your own Peace, but for the Support of the Proteſtant Intereſt both Here and Abroad.

And particularly the State of *Ireland* is ſuch, that the Dangers are grown too great to be obviated by any ſlow Methods.

I muſt leave it to you to conſider of the moſt Effectual Ways of preventing the Inconveniencies which may ariſe by Delay, and to judge what Forms may be moſt proper to bring thoſe things to paſs for the good of the Nation; which I am confident are in all your Minds; and which on My part ſhall be always ready to promote.

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